

Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Gregory Ware Lynda Gonzalez Jacqueline Cox Betty Gosney

Council Members Absent

Eric Scott Adrian McDaniel

Chair Gregory Ware announced that the MAC is going to recognize Congressman Joe Baca's office on behalf of the MAC and the community for helping the Bloomington Little League. Andrea Sandoval from the Bloomington Little League also presented a plaque to his office in gratitude. She announced that they are on a new program in which they will be saving 77% on future bills. She also recognized the Bloomington Boosters for helping them out. Jessie Valenzuela was present representing Congressman Joe Baca and received the awards.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Chair Ware next introduced Edgardo Navarro, the appointed member of the Kayos Kidz who will provide reports to the MAC regarding the Bloomington youth. Mr. Navarro thanked everyone for allowing him to serve on the MAC. He stated that it is an honor and a privilege to have been appointed. He stated that he is active in many youth groups and feels that he will pave the way for other teens to voice their thoughts. He thinks it is important for youth to get involved with their community and hopes to be a good role model for them.

Minutes

Vice Chair Betty Gosney moved approval of the November minutes with a correction to the last page under public comment, the second entry, 3rd sentence should begin with "He" not "She". Council Member Lynda Gonzalez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the November minutes were approved.

New Business

Riverside Avenue/I-10 Interchange project & bridge closure

A. San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) - Paula Beauchamp reported that she has been working with the City of Rialto. She brought a power point presentation on the project which is located at Riverside Ave and the I-10. They will be adding a lane, reconstructing the bridge and ramp and adding esthetic features on the bridge itself. She announced that they have kicked off construction. They opened for bids the beginning of November 2009. They anticipate going to their board and awarding the bid in January 2010 so that in February the contractor can be out and begin working on the first bid which will be the widening of the ramp. They plan for a 7 month closure of the bridge. They will be working with Jane Dreher and getting out notifications and updates to the residents. They expect it to open and completed in late 2011. Next Jane Dreher reported that they have 11 bids and the winning contractor will be announced January 6, 2010. The public outreach plans include attending a Rialto City Council meeting last week, they are at the MAC meeting tonight and in January once the bid is awarded they will announce a date for a community public meeting. They will also send mailings to businesses schools and residential addresses for a certain area. They are developing a data base from the sign in sheet from the meeting tonight and will send those residents updates. At the end of January there will be a groundbreaking. They will have a direct mail campaign and traffic advisories. They will also work with school districts and bus routes, and the local papers.

They plan on having press releases, updated information on their website and she will work closely with Dan Flores to determine the best way to communicate with the residents of Bloomington, Colton and Rialto. Finally, there will be a 511 hotline to answer any questions.

Slover Avenue Improvements

- A. County Dept. of Public Works - Brendan Biggs announced that a contract has already been awarded on the Slover Ave and Larch Ave project. They will begin working on December 7, 2009. The County decided to accelerate that portion of the project. They will be installing a light signal and making some improvements on the north east corner of Cedar and Slover to widen that radius out. The Board of Supervisors office has provided some additional funds for sidewalks. Beginning December 7, 2009 they will work for a few weeks and then for about 4-6 weeks the utility companies will do some work and then the contractor will come back once they are done and finish the project. He brought a press release that gives more information. They hope to be done by late January or early February 2010.

Staff Reports

A. CHP- Officer Hope Maxson

Officer Hope Maxson introduced Officer Steve Robinson, who will be taking over while she is out on maternity leave. She did not have a report but encouraged questions. No questions were asked.

B. Field Representative – Dan Flores

Mr. Flores thanked Congressman Baca for the contribution to the Bloomington Little League.

C. Sheriff's Department – Lieutenant Lana Tomlin

Lieutenant Tomlin reported that they will have units available for the road closure on Riverside Avenue and the I-10. She also reported some school burglaries. On November 7th they had an illegal vendor sweep in which they got together with Code Enforcement and Environmental Services and they were very successful. 18 citations were given and food supplies and carts were confiscated. They also made arrests related to tagging and stated that the data base that was funded by the BOS has really helped them.

D. Special Districts- Tim Millington

Mr. Millington reported that the fence was installed at the skateboard park and they will begin to assemble it sometime next week and should take no longer than two weeks to complete. He also reported that one of the drinking fountains is working at Ayala Park and they are waiting for a new part for the other. Finally he reported that the tree trimming began today and should be done within the next couple of weeks.

E. Fire Department

Ken Munsey reported that they will monitor the closure on Riverside and Cedar. He also announced that the City of Rialto has asked them to place an ambulance. Next he reported that the spark of love has begun at station 77 and they will be giving toys away there. Their goal is to give to those families who are very much in need.

Items for upcoming meetings

Update from Bloomington Library

Member Reports

Chair Gregory Ware stated that it is important to understand generation gaps. He stated that the youth are the future government leaders, educators and we should listen to them. He also stated that he hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving and hopes everyone has a happy holiday.

Vice Chair Betty Gosney congratulated Mr. Navarro for joining the MAC and thanked the Kayos Kidz for electing him. She also reminded everyone about the parade the upcoming Saturday. Finally she stated that even though the road closure is not going to be fun, she realizes that everyone has to work together.

Edgardo Navarro announced that in the month of December there are events for the youth to get involved with the community. On December 18 they will give away food and clothing. He also stated that they will have their first

Public Comments

Corine Soto of the Bloomington Boosters thanked the sponsors and announced that they usually help out approximately 500 families but that this year their goal is 650. They have stuffed animals for the kids and they usually give a gift to all the kids but they are short and she is asking for donations. They currently have a little over 300. They want to reach out to the woman's shelters and also those families in need.

Dave Soto of the Bloomington Boosters stated that the parade is ready for kick off on Saturday. He also stated that anyone who is willing to volunteer is welcome.

Dave Jayne thanked the Bloomington Boosters, Congressman Joe Baca and Supervisor Josie Gonzales for attending on Veteran's Day. He said it was great to have them attend. He also invited everyone to come out to the parade.

Eric Davenport stated that Saturday, December 12th the BIC has organized a protest for the Rialto Center. They will have a rally and will meet on Cedar Ave and El Rivino at 11:30 am for 2 hours. They will be raising the issues with traffic, water contamination, the effects on the wildlife, and how the noise and light will affect the equestrian lifestyle. He invited all in attendance to join them. Next he announced that honey lasts a long time and has a lot of nutrition so he recommends having some in case of a disaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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